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NH MAN SENTENCED FOR FAILURE TO FILE INCOME TAX RETURN

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Joseph Galasso, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, announced that Brian J. Thibeault, age 37, of Goffstown, New Hampshire was sentenced today in U.S. District Court on a charge of Failure to File a Federal Income Tax Return, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203. According to the charge filed by the United States Attorney's Office, Thibeault received gross income in 1997 of \$476,007 which required the filing of an income tax return for that year. During earlier plea proceedings on May 28, 2003, Thibeault admitted that he was supposed to file the return, and that he willfully failed to do so. U. S. Magistrate Judge James Muirhead sentenced Thibeault to 5 years probation and a \$30,000 fine.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono and Special Agent in Charge Galasso stated: "One of our aims is to foster confidence in the tax system and compliance with the tax law. It is important that honest, taxpaying citizens know that the IRS and U.S. Attorney's Office are working diligently to ensure that they are not bearing the burden of another's unpaid tax liability."

The investigation was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division and the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.